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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE USG IS OF COURSE NOT INVOLVED (DESPITE REPORT IN
REFTEL) IN THE REPORTED IRC/AFGHAN-MODERATE PLAN TO ESTAB-
LISH A MEDICAL CLINIC IN PESHAWAR. AS CONSULATE PESHAWAR
SURMISED, QADRATULLAH MOJADDEDI'S ACCOUNT OF POSSIBLE
PRIVATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MODERATE ALLIANCE
APPEARS TO BE BASICALLY TRUE, ALTHOUGH THE IRC APPEARS
NOT TO BE INVOLVED. THE FOLLOWING IS PIECED TOGETHER
FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH DAVID CHRISTIE (WHO WAS
FRIENDLY, BUT NOT PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING) AND WITH
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QADRATULLAH.

3. CHRISTIE, A NEW YORK BUSINESSMAN WITH IRC TIES, HAS
BEEN WORKING ON THE IDEA OF GIVING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
TO SEOBATULLAH MOJADDEDI'S GROUP--AND NOW TO THE MODERATE
ALLIANCE--FOR AT LEAST 18 MONTHS. HE SPOKE ONCE TO
NEA/PAB HECK ABOUT THE CONCEPT IN SEPTEMBER 1980 WHEN HE
WAS IN WASHINGTON WITH SEOBATTULLAH. AT THAT TIME

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SHE POINTED OUT GOP SENSITIVITIES AND URGED THAT HE DISCUSS MATTER WITH THE GOP. WE KNOW OF NO FURTHER CONTACT CHRISTIE HAS HAD WITH THE USG.

4. CHRISTIE'S PLAN IS TO SEND AMERICAN DOCTORS TO PESHAWAR TO TRAIN AFGHANS AS PARAMEDICS WHO WOULD THEN GO BACK TO AFGHANISTAN TO TREAT BOTH FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND CIVILIANS. THE AMERICAN DOCTORS WOULD NOT CROSS THE BORDER. THEY WOULD WORK WITH BOTH INJURED FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND REFUGEES IN PESHAWAR, BUT THIS DIRECT MEDICAL WORK WOULD BE INCIDENTAL TO THEIR MAJOR MISSION OF TEACHING POTENTIAL AFGHAN PARAMEDICS.

5. CHRISTIE APPARENTLY VISITED PESHAWAR IN LATE 1980 TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION. HE TOOK WITH HIM SEVERAL DOCTORS FROM NYU, WHO, HE SAYS, CARED FOR MORE THAN 500 REFUGEES AND "SOME FIGHTERS" WHILE THERE, PRESUMABLY WITHOUT DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOP.

6. WHEN IN PAKISTAN AGAIN RECENTLY, CHRISTIE VISITED THE ISLAMIC ALLIANCE HOSPITAL (WHICH HE TERMS A "40-BED PSEUDO-HOSPITAL/R&R HOSTEL DOING MINOR SURGERY") LOCATED IN GAILANI'S OLD HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS A REGIONAL CONFIDENTIAL
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CLINIC OUTSIDE OF TOWN. CHRISTIE HAS SUPPORTED BOTH SINCE THEIR INCEPTION WITH MONEY AND MEDICINES. HE SAYS THEY ARE IN VERY POOR SHAPE AND THAT "THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE COULD SEND ANY VOLUNTEER DOCTORS."

7. MOJADDEDI VERIFIES THAT HE AND CHRISTIE HAVE LOCATED SOME DOCTORS WILLING TO DO VOLUNTEER WORK FOR SOME MONTHS IN PESHAWAR AND SAYS THAT PANAM AND PIA HAVE EVEN OFFERED DONATED TICKETS. THE HANGUP, ACCORDING TO MOJADDEDI, IS MONEY. IRC WAS TO HAVE PAID FOR THE PROJECT, BUT HAS RECENTLY DROPPED THE IDEA. (CHRISTIE CLAIMED THAT THERE NEVER HAD BEEN ANY IRC INVOLVEMENT). MOJADDEDI VISITED KUWAIT RECENTLY SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, BUT THE POTENTIAL SOURCE OF FUNDS DRIED UP WHEN OUTSIDE POLITICAL PRESSURE WAS IMPOSED "BY THE ENEMY."

8. WE AGAIN DISCUSSED WITH CHRISTIE THE NEED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE GOP BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER WITH HIS PLANS. CHRISTIE SAYS THAT WHILE HE HAS NEVER FORMALLY APPROACHED THE PAKS, HE DID TALK OVER THE IDEA IN OCTOBER WITH AGHA SHAHI, WHO WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CONCEPT. FAZLE HAQ IS ALSO AWARE OF THE SCHEME, ACCORDING TO CHRISTIE. CHRISTIE HAS APPARENTLY

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AVOIDED CONTACTING THE AMERICAN MISSION ON PREVIOUS
TRIPS. WE HAVE GIVEN HIM THE NAMES OF ARCHARD, CULPEPPER,
LORTON AND WEISZ AND URGED HIM TO TOUCH BASE WHEN HE IS-
NEXT IN PAKISTAN. HE PROMISED TO DO SO. STOESEL

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